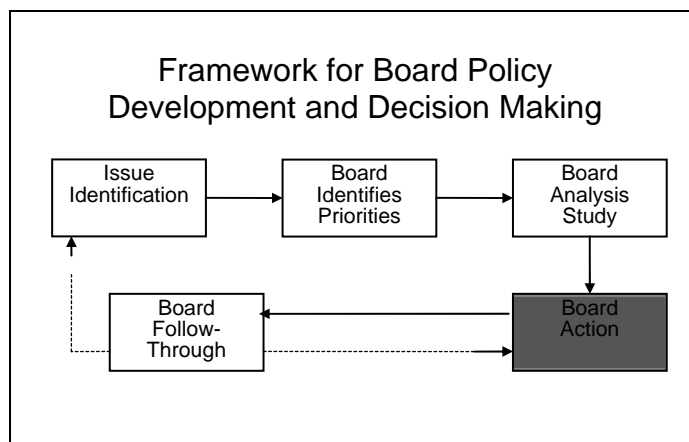


# Iowa State Board of Education

## Executive Summary

May 14, 2008



**Agenda Item:** Request for General Accreditation Status-Grandview Park Baptist School

**Iowa Goal:** All K-12 students will achieve at a high level.

**Equity Impact Statement:** 281 IAC 12.5(8) requires that each school and school district incorporate multicultural and gender fair goals for the educational program into its comprehensive school improvement plan.

**Presenter:** Kevin Fangman, Administrator  
Division of PK-12 Education

**Attachments:** 1

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve the request to grant general accreditation status to Grandview Park Baptist School in Des Moines, Iowa, for grades K-8.

**Background:** Grandview Park Baptist School has provided evidence of general accreditation requirements pursuant to Iowa Code 281—IAC 12.5(3) and 12.5(4), including the following:

- Enrollment data by race, national origin, gender, and disability
- Required school board policies, including adoption date, review date and revision dates within the past five years
- School calendar (180 days of instruction)
- Elementary and junior high school program (i.e., all required content areas and required content specifications were verified)
- Curriculum documents and materials verifying standards and benchmarks for all curricular areas, including the incorporation of multi-cultural/gender fair approaches, global education, and career education into the educational program)
- Professional development
- School Improvement Advisory Committee

- Personnel files
- Employee health files
- Student records (i.e., permanent and cumulative records)
- The school has provided a written, signed letter from the local fire marshal that the school's facilities meet required codes.
- Julie Melcher, DE School Improvement Consultant, visited the school January 15 and April 9 and verified the aforementioned.

**Future Plans of Grandview Park Baptist School:** Grandview Park Baptist School includes grades 7-12 which currently have specially accredited status. The school superintendent has set a date to visit with Julie Melcher, DE School Improvement Consultant, to pursue the process to gain general accreditation status for grades 9-12 in the near future.



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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
JUDY A. JEFFREY, DIRECTOR

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Judy Jeffrey, Director

DATE: April 29, 2008

RE: Request For Accreditation Approval, Grandview Park Baptist School,  
Grades K-8

I recommend that the State Board of Education approve the request for accreditation of Grandview Park Baptist School, grades K-8, located in Des Moines, Iowa.

Grandview Park Baptist received an initial visit January 15, 2008, from Julie Melcher. The school was offered feedback and worked toward meeting compliance for accreditation.

A formal accreditation visit occurred April 9, 2008. Interviews were conducted with the principal, Grandview Park Board of Education, School Improvement Advisory Committee including parents, teaching staff, and students. The 2007-2008 document review checklist for non-public schools was used. During that visit, Julie Melcher identified remaining non-compliance issues in the areas of health and physical education curriculum and licensure. The school has now brought those areas into compliance and has submitted a Comprehensive School Improvement Plan (CSIP), and an Annual Progress Report (APR) for the 2006-2007 school year.

Now that requirements have been completed, , it is requested that this matter be approved by the State Board of Education.